

What you need to know about...



Pipeline
Safety

Recognize a Leak

Natural gas is lighter than air and will rise. Other heavier-than-air gases will stay near the ground and collect in low spots. Leaking natural gas is potentially dangerous. Although it is non-toxic it can displace the oxygen you breathe causing suffocation.

Some ways you can recognize a leak are:

- * **By Smell:** A natural gas leak is indicated by the strong odor of the chemical mercaptan, which is added to natural gas.
- * **By Sight:** A dense white cloud over a pipeline, or discolored vegetation surrounding the gas line may be signs of a leak. also blowing dirt, dust or bubbles in standing water.
- * **By Sound:** An unusual noise coming from the natural gas line, like a hissing or roaring sound may be a sign of a leak.

What to do if I recognize a leak...

- * Leave the leak area immediately
- * If the leak is at your home, leave the door open as you leave
- * Go to a safe location and call Cordele Public Works at (229) 273-6136 or 3-1-1 from any local phone.

What NOT to do if I recognize a leak...

- * **DO NOT** light a match, turn on or off light switches, turn on a flashlight or anything that may cause a spark.
- * **DO NOT** use the telephone, cell phone, television or radio
- * **DO NOT** use an automatic garage door
- * **DO NOT** turn on gas range or other gas appliance



Meter Safety

Each natural gas service is equipped with a meter(s) which serves the customer. If a gas line is accidentally broken and a leak is obvious-shut off any equipment or open flames in the area which might ignite the gas-evacuate the area and report the leak immediately to the City of Cordele Public Works at (229) 273-6136 or 3-1-1 from any local phone.



Know what's below.

Call Before you dig

Before you dig or excavate, you **must** contact GA One-Call system at 811. You are required by state law to notify GA One-Call no less than 2 working days before digging, excavation or demolition activity begins whether landscaping, building fences or major construction project. The member utility companies will send a representative to mark their underground lines at your site. **The call is free and so is the service**



Can I build or dig on a right-of-way?

Natural gas pipeline rights-of-way must be kept free from structures and other obstructions to provide access to the gas line for maintenance, as well as in the event of an emergency. Do not dig or build near the gas line without first contacting City of Cordele Public Works.

If you cause even what appears to be minor damage, contact City of Cordele Public Works immediately. **Do not attempt to make repairs to the line yourself.**

Important Notice to Our Customers

Federal Regulation #192.16 requires that we notify you to exercise diligence regarding underground or buried gas piping. Buried pipe may be subject to leakage and/or corrosion (corrosion may occur on metallic pipe) and could potentially be subject to hazards if not maintained.

Remember that any and all gas pipe downstream (house side) of the gas meter belongs to you, the gas consumer, and the gas consumer is responsible for maintenance and operation of this portion of the fuel line system. We do not own the gas line beyond the meter, therefore, we do not routinely maintain or locate fuel lines. Commercial plumbers and/or heating contractors may be contacted if and when gas fuel lines need attention.

Buried gas piping should be:

- * Periodically inspected for leaks.
- * Periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic.
- * Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered; or the flow of gas should be shut off.

When excavation is performed or is about to be performed near the buried gas piping, the piping should be located and marked in advance, and any excavating performed near the pipe should be done by hand.

Important Contact Information

City of Cordele Public Works: (229) 273-6136

24 Hours City of Cordele: 311 from any local phone

Georgia One-Call: 811

www.Cordele311.com

<http://www.georgia811.com>